GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MANUFACTURING OF SUBMARINES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has decided to manufacture 24 `Hunter` and `Killer` submarines as part of efforts to make underwater, surface and air wings of the Navy more potent by equipping them with long-range missiles;

(b) whether any agreement has been reached in this regard with France and Russia;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which the process of manufacturing 24 `Hunter` and `Killer` submarines is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) to (d): Government have approved a long term perspective plan for construction of submarines and acquisition of national competence in submarine building. Requisite technical assistance is being sought for our indigenous submarine building programme. No final decision has, however, been taken in the matter, as yet.